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DNRC Timber Scoping List  
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Re: Future Timber Permit:

The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, Northeastern Land Office in Lewistown, is in the planning and analysis phase for a proposed timber permit. The Omega (Limited Access) Timber Permit would be in the SW4 section 16, and the NW4 section 21, T13N, R21E on State Lands in Fergus Co. Limited access across the 3-Butte Ranch property would be necessary, and timber harvest would be in conjunction with operations on their property.

This would be the final sale necessary to complete DNRC objectives for this stand of timber. The operations on the proposed sections would involve the harvest of up to 2100 tons (250M) of saw logs on 75 acres in the sections. Mechanical selective harvest would leave the best quality trees with a 40 foot spacing. This would improve forest health by reducing competition, increase grazing and reduce fire potential. Harvest operations would be done by ground based equipment on dry or frozen soils.

The Department would like to solicit comments or concerns regarding the proposed timber permit. Interested persons should direct oral or written comments, concerns or questions to Ron Buck, DNRC, Northeastern Land Office, 613 NE Main, PO Box 1021, Lewistown MT 59457, by October 1, 2012. (406-535-1909).

Sincerely,

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DNRC NELO Area Forester